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Environment. Compost

▶ Seth Budick, of University City District, gave Metro a look at the special services district's new compost facility.

For-profit companies delving into the long-emerging industry of converting waste to nutritious dirt have begun popping up across Philadelphia and America the past decade. But now, what is likely the city's first nonprofit compost facility opened yesterday at 43rd and Market streets in West Philadelphia. Nearby residents and businesses can lessen their load on landfills by giving certain types of waste to the facility. {page 04-05}

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▶ Lynn

Priest abuse trial jury told to keep trying

The jury in the landmark priest-sex abuse case told the judge yesterday afternoon that after 11 days of deliberations they were deadlocked on most counts.

The note sent to Common Pleas Court Judge M. Teresa Sarmina around noon yesterday indicated the group had reached "hung jury status." The panel is considering conspiracy and child endangerment charges against Monsignor William Lynn — the first U.S. Catholic Church official charged in the wide-ranging sex abuse scandal — and attempted sex assault against Rev. James Brennan.

The note did not say which charge jurors had agreed on.

Sarmina immediately instructed the panel of seven men and five women to keep deliberating, stressing to them the importance of the case. She also offered to provide exhibits that she had previously denied them access to if it would help break the impasse.

The group returned to the jury room and deliberated until being sent home. They will return Friday. Jurors had not asked any questions or requested any exhibits the last two days after more than 20 requests the first 10 days of deliberations. METRO/SDL

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News

Random attack on SEPTA

Police released video surveillance yesterday of a woman who randomly attacked a SEPTA bus rider last month. Authorities said the May 31 attack happened on the Route 23 when the woman began to punch and slap the man in the head. The victim, a 35-year-old freelance photographer for Newsworks, was not seriously injured. METRO/SDL

▶ Garcia

Cop allegedly sold drugs in uniform

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA. A Philadelphia police officer has been charged with selling heroin to an undercover FBI agent.

Jonathan Garcia, 23, a three-year veteran of the force assigned to the 17th District, is accused of selling packs of the drug to an undercover agent on several occasions between early May and June 5. On at least two occasions Garcia was in uniform, federal prosecutors claim.

He is charged with four counts of distribution of heroin and two counts of gun charges. METRO/SDL

Passengers injured, bus rear-ended

GERMANTOWN. Sixteen people were injured when a dump truck rear-ended a Route 23 SEPTA bus yesterday morning on Germantown Avenue, SEPTA said.

The bus was stopped at a red light near Windrim Avenue when it was struck. Fifteen passengers and the operator reported injuries, although none were thought to be life-threatening. The truck driver was not injured. METRO/SDL

Butkovitz: Cop cameras expose city tech 'missteps'

- Controller calls long-ailing surveillance program 'alarming and excessive'
- Seven years after getting voter approval, cameras still stymie City Hall

RICARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Mayor John Street proudly opened the police department's camera surveillance room in 2007.

City Controller Alan Butkovitz lambasted Philadelphia's $13.9 million video surveillance network yesterday, claiming that an independent audit concluded in May revealed less than half of the 216 installed cameras actually work, amounting to a $136,000 price tag per operational camera.

"The cost is exceedingly alarming and outright excessive — especially when $13.9 million is the equivalent of putting 200 new police recruits on the street," Butkovitz said. He cited numerous incidents of program disorganization and delays, what he called "the latest chapter in long series of missteps by the city in applying technology."

Among those are inconsistent data kept by the city versus the police department, $50,000 worth of camera equipment sitting in a Streets Department warehouse for three years without a determination if it can be used or sold and an excruciatingly slow pace in implementing the overall system.

"If the United States built the atomic bomb in 1945 the way we approach some of these technology issues, we would probably be waiting for our first test of a weapon," he said.

Though Butkovitz acknowledged the initial investment was made by former Mayor John Street, he criticized the Nutter administration for not investigating if cameras were meeting the program objectives before allocating $3.2 million more.

"We knew that was not going to work and we changed the direction of the program from wireless to a hybrid."
DEPUTY MAYOR EVERETT GILLISON

But Deputy Mayor for Public Safety Everett Gillison said many delays were due to inherited problems with the wireless network, claiming that since the city again outsourced maintenance and oversight in March, functional cameras have quickly risen to 70 percent.

"When we came into office in 2008 ... after two years and several million dollars' worth of architecture and design, I only had seven cameras working," he said. "Seven."

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Camera history

- **May 2006** – Voters approved a referendum requiring the city to establish an anti-crime video surveillance system.
- **June-July 2006** – A pilot program of 10 cameras awarded to Security Services & Technologies. The cameras proved to be too expensive to maintain, too heavy to be easily removed and still remain in original locations.
- **June 2007** – A risk benefit analysis by a city agency found the risks of major cost increases, an incomplete definition of the system's requirements and scope and poorly defined benefits were high.
- **October 2007** – Unisys Corporation was awarded the contract to provide, install and maintain video camera hardware and software.
- **January 2008** – Newly sworn-in Mayor Michael Nutter promised that 70 cameras would be installed by the end of the year.
- **June 2008** – Only 35 cameras were installed because Unisys couldn't make its proposed wireless design work. Of those, only five were accepted by police as meeting program goals, with the other 30 having issues like poor image quality and bad lighting.
- **December 2008** – The 30 unsatisfactory cameras were repaired and 61 more were installed, totaling 91.
- **January 2009** – Unisys created a network design for an additional 159 cameras, bringing the planned total to 250.
- **October 2009** – Unisys' contract expired. They had installed 97 more cameras in eight high-crime eight police districts, bringing the number to 188, but of those, 77 were found to be inoperable. The city chose not to renew the contract.
- **November 2009** – The Mayor's Office of Innovation and Technology assumed management of the surveillance system, but soon began to use subcontractors to repair and replace nonfunctional cameras, often employing the same subcontractor Unisys had used.
- **July 2011** – The city said 192 cameras were installed in various stages of operation and a master bid to replace Unisys was finalized.
- **March 2012** – The city hired Carr & Duff for equipment and installation and Federal Signal for connection repair and other maintenance.

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University City hits pay dirt

Special services district opens nonprofit compost facility Metro takes inside look at emerging industry

University City District not only picks up trash, but will now make treasure out of it.

The special services district around the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University yesterday celebrated the grand opening of The Dirt Factory, a new composting facility that takes food waste and fallen leaves and converts it to high-quality organic compost.

Like recycling, composting is seen as a way to save the environment by diverting organic waste from landfills. It also helps plants by enriching the soil, which has created demand in University City where there are roughly a dozen community gardens.

"We have a lot of people in the neighborhood that want to compost their organic waste," said Seth Budick, a UCD employee involved in the project. "And we have a source for it in the form of gardens, so wouldn't it just be the essence of sustainability if we could keep all that material in the neighborhood and out of the waste stream."

The facility also figures to help advance the city's sustainability efforts. One of the city's goals as part of the Greenworks initiative is to divert 70 percent of waste from landfills by 2015. In May, city officials began a pilot program to study the amount of food waste it can divert.

"Education and outreach is important. Having sites like the Dirt Factory where Philadelphians can go up and see composting in action and play a role ... is critical," said Katherine Gajewski, the city's director of sustainability, describing composting as "the next frontier" in waste reduction. For businesses like Four Worlds Bakery, composting makes both environmental and financial sense. As a result of recycling and donating its compostable materials, the West Philadelphia eatery only puts out one bag of trash each week, saving significant money on trash hauling.

"It's for both reasons," baker Jimmi Romberger said of composting.

Budick said labor will be minimal, allowing UCD to offer the service for free. "Our expenses are really just a little bit of staff time to have somebody over there."

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▶ Budick, of the University City District, showed off the new compost facility Tuesday.

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Making dirt

Like most large projects, the Dirt Factory required help from several entities in order to materialize.

- UCD reached an agreement with the landowners at 43rd and Market streets to create the site on a vacant lot.
- UCD partnered with Pedal Coop, based in University City, to transport the compostable materials from businesses and residents to the factory – by bicycle, of course. Community members will also be able to drop off material directly at the site.

- The University of Pennsylvania donated two large earth tubs that it had decommissioned that will allow the site to churn out up to 3,200 pounds of compost a month.

▶ Budick isn't afraid to get his hands dirty.

Temple grad will your trash

PHILADELPHIA. Tim Bennett was among the first in Philadelphia to tap into the composting movement in 2009 when he founded Bennett Compost.

The business serves residential and commercial customers, offering five-gallon buckets for $10, according to a deal now on his website. His company will also pick up residents' waste for $15 a month. Businesses have to call for a quote if they'd like their waste picked up.

"I just kind for started small based on talking to some people and it grew organically from there," said Bennett, a Temple University graduate. "I didn't know it would take off. I just had a hunch from some people I'd talked to." **METRO/SDL**

By the numbers

27%
Yard trimmings and food residuals combined accounted for 27 percent of U.S. municipal solid waste in 2010.

85.1M
Tons of municipal solid waste diverted from disposal through recycling and composting in the U.S. in 2010, up from 15 million tons in 1980.

36M
Recycling and composting in the U.S. prevented the release of 186 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent into the air in 2010 – equal to removing 36 million cars from the road for a year.

SOURCE: U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

What's allowed

Bennett Compost will pick up the following organic materials for composting:

- Cardboard
- Clean paper
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Corncobs
- Cotton rags
- Dryer and vacuum cleaner lint
- Eggshells
- Fireplace ashes
- Flowers
- Fruits and vegetables
- Grass clippings
- Hair and fur
- Hay and straw
- Houseplants
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SANDUSKY? NOT GUILTY! (NOT REALLY)

As the Jerry Sandusky case nears its end, we've heard a procession of accusers and witnesses describe horrific sexual abuse. The trial of the former Penn State assistant coach for 51 criminal counts involving 10 alleged victims over a 15-year span has turned the once-bucolic town of Bellefonte, Pa., into a media encampment.

But whether it's the locals, the members of the media stationed on the court lawn, voices on the internet or the rest of the world, a few common, recurring themes have emerged the last two weeks: There's a mountain of evidence against him, there's graphic and disturbing testimony and it's a tragedy for the victims and community.

However, there's one discussion strangely missing from this particular trial. This time, no one is asking the question: What will the verdict be, guilty or not guilty?

From O.J. Simpson to Casey Anthony, we all ask the big question in every nationally notorious trial. But not this time. Apparently no one thinks the verdict is even worth debating. There appears to be no national debate here: the guilty verdict is in. Allow me shake it up a little with my prediction: not guilty. That's right: not guilty.

You see, unlike others, I refuse to get bogged down by distractions like "evidence," "logic" or "common sense." In fact, my reasons for this prediction have nothing to do with the prosecution's case at all. I am proudly ignorant of the facts. Why so reckless? I'll offer an explanation for that too. But first, my three reasons for my prediction:

1. The ultimate Vegas underdog: I have not checked the odds, but in gambling parlance, my wager is what most experts call a "long shot," "dark horse" or just plain "sucker bet." Still, my odds of a not guilty verdict hover well above the odds of, say, buying a winning lottery ticket. Judging by the number of folks wasting money on state-sponsored lotto with odds squarely in the kabillion-to-one category, my lousy verdict bet wouldn't be the worst place to put some money.

Quoted

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2. America doesn't convict celebrities: When was the last time we convicted a celebrity? Whether it's O.J. Simpson, Robert Blake, John Edwards or Roger Clemens, in America, the verdict is "not guilty by reason of fame." If Scott Peterson had even been an extra in a B-level zombie flick, he might not be on death row right now. In America, we have a rich tradition … of letting the rich and famous walk.

3. No one remembers incorrect predictions anyway: Thank goodness this is true. Geraldo Rivera predicted a conviction on Casey Anthony. So did I. So did everyone. We were all wrong. Fortunately, Americans have short memory spans when it comes to predictions, promises and scandal. With time, all is forgiven and forgotten in the land of the free Internet and the home of the Bravo Channel. Remember when Kobe Bryant was accused of rape? Americans forever condemned him, then asked him to represent the United States in the Olympics just a few years later. When you look at it that way, all I'm doing is making a foolish prediction.

Ultimately, critics may see my Sandusky prediction as thinly veiled, negative-attention-seeking behavior. They are probably right. I'll just blame it on histrionic personality disorder. After all, everyone else is doing it.

*– **Attorney Danny Cevallos**, of Philly-based Cevallos & Wong, writes a column that regularly appears the second Friday of each month. He also writes weekly for Metro.us.*

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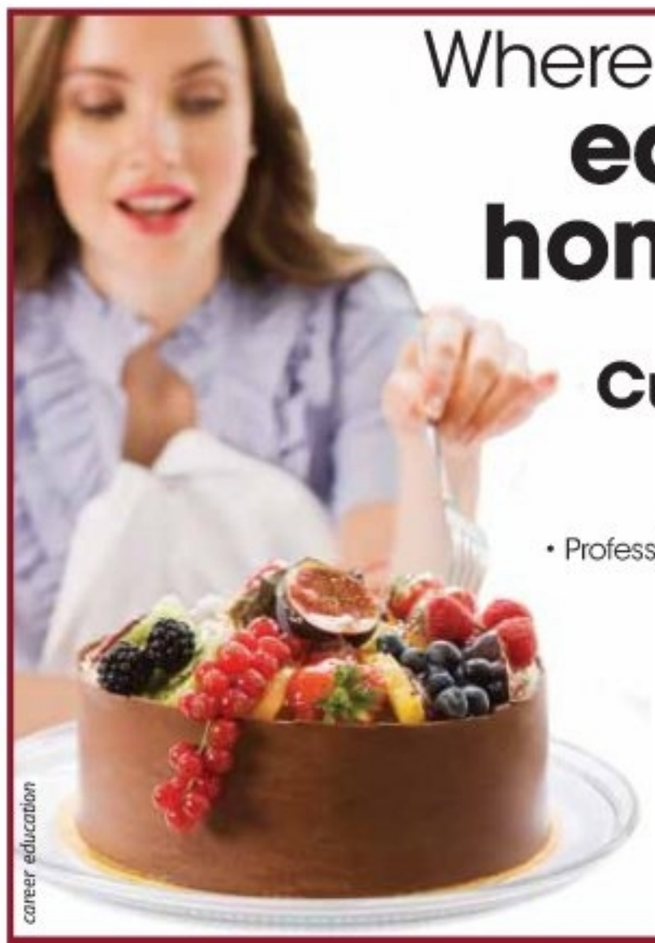

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Adult children move back home in tough economy

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▶ More adult children moved in with their parents amid the recent tough economic times in the United States, according to a U.S. Census Bureau report released yesterday.

The number of adult children living with parents increased from 1.2 million to 15.8 million between 2007 and 2010, the Census Bureau said. Those ages 25 to 34 accounted for two-thirds of the 823,000 increase in adult children living with parents during that period, according to the report.

The 2007-09 recession, the longest and deepest since the Great Depression of the 1930s, decimated household wealth and erased 8.8 million jobs. U.S. unemployment has been stuck above 8 percent since February 2009.

The report found that 30.1 percent of Americans age 18 and above lived in 2010 in a shared household — with family members or with unrelated roommates. That was up from 27.7 percent just before the recession started in 2007.

"Although reasons for household sharing are not discernible from the survey, our analysis suggests that adults and families coped with challenging economic circumstances over the course of the recession by joining households or combining households with other individuals or families," said Laryssa Mykyta, an analyst in the Census Bureau's Poverty Statistics Branch.

The Census survey found that shared households increased 11.4 percent to 22 million in 2010 from 2007. **REUTERS**

18.7%

Shared households accounted for 18.7 percent of all U.S. households in 2010, up from 17 percent in 2007, the report stated.

Defense rests in sex abuse case without Sandusky testifying

The defense in Jerry Sandusky's child sex abuse trial rested its case yesterday without calling the former Penn State University assistant football coach to the witness stand.

Closing arguments in the closely watched trial are expected today. Jury deliberations could begin by the end of the week. Defense attorney Joe Amendola had said previously that Sandusky would testify.

Before resting their case yesterday, Sandusky's lawyers sought to cast doubt on testimony from an earlier prosecution witness who told jurors he had seen Sandusky molesting a boy.

Two other character witnesses also testified yesterday for the defense.

The jury is due to be sequestered during its deliberations. **REUTERS**

▶ Jerry Sandusky now awaits the jury's verdict.

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Prez asserts executive privilege in Holder case

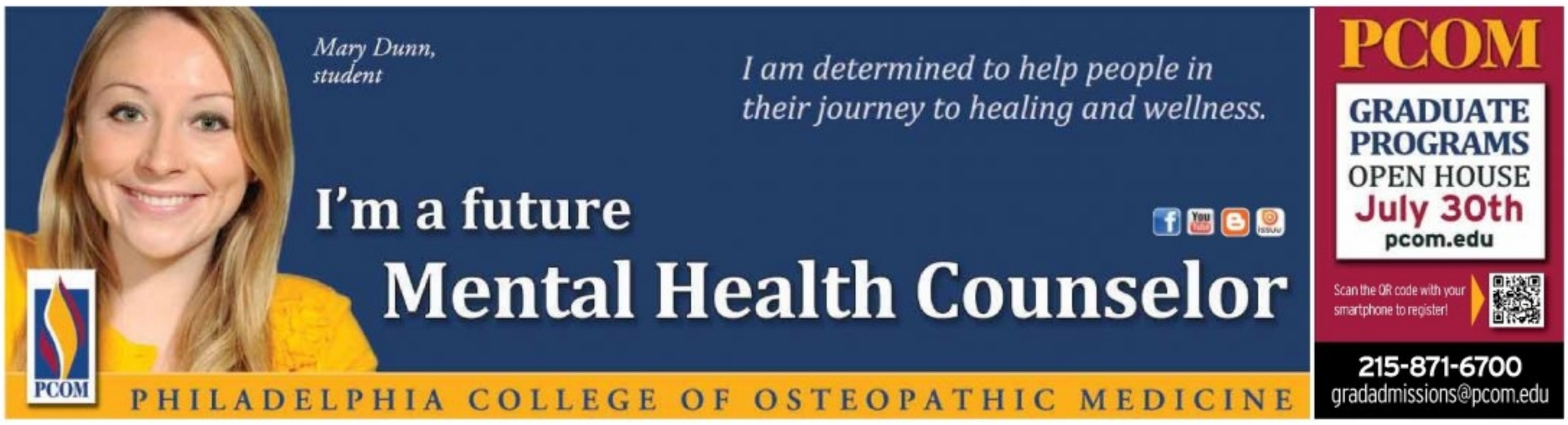
WASHINGTON. The Obama administration defied the Republican-led U.S. House of Representatives, invoking a claim of executive privilege as it refused to turn over documents related to a Mexican gun-running operation.

The move prompted the House Oversight and Government Operations Committee to go ahead with plans to vote on charging U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder with contempt of Congress. **REUTERS**

'Better off' under Obama

WASHINGTON. A plurality of Americans now say they are better off than they were when President Barack Obama was inaugurated, providing a surprising lift to Obama's re-election campaign despite troublesome economic news.

Forty-five percent of those surveyed in a Bloomberg National Poll say they are better off than at the beginning of 2009, compared with 36 percent who say they are worse off. **BLOOMBERG**



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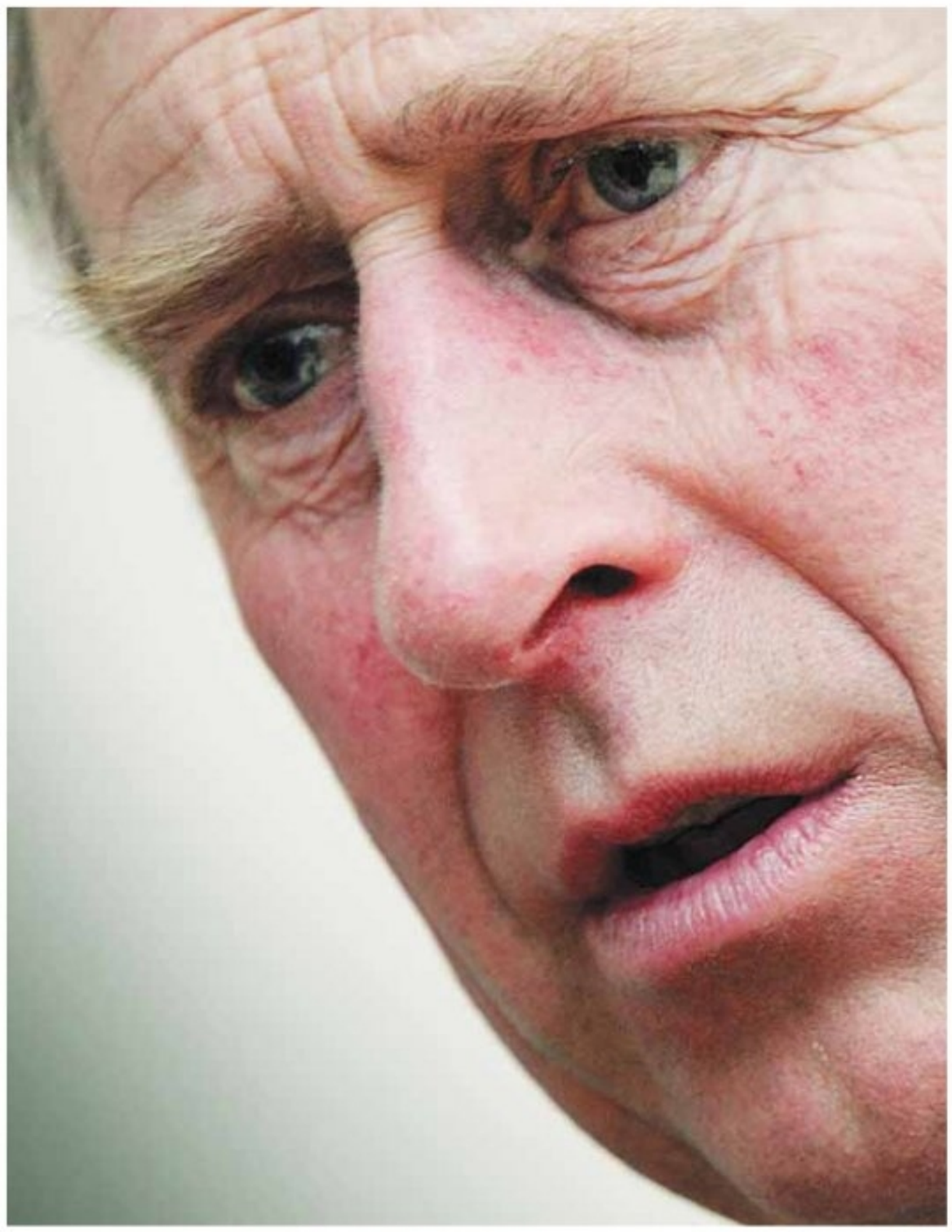

In an exclusive column before Rio+20, Prince Charles reveals what he's learned from his sustainability unit and offers a prescription for the future — "seeing is believing," he urges

It is all too easy to believe that news on the state of fish stocks amounts to a relentless counsel of doom. Fortunately, there is a more positive story emerging — and it gives me considerable hope. Research conducted by my International Sustainability Unit reveals that, in many parts of the world, positive steps are being taken to establish a much more sustainable way of managing these vital, self-renewing resources.

In 2008, developing countries exported about twenty-seven billion dollars-worth of fish. Fishing supports the livelihoods of more than 120 million people and 1 billion people rely on fish as their main source of protein. So it is important to see that what many call an environmental problem is actually also an economic and social one. As long as there are fish to catch, many millions of people enjoy job security and the social cohesion that comes from that.

And it could get better. The World Bank recently estimated that an extra 50 billion dollars a year could come from annual catches if better management was put in place. So what needs to be done? Analysis by my I.S.U. team has shown that many examples of better practice around the world are underpinned by three broad factors.

First, they have all been implemented with the understanding that fish don't exist in isolation from the environments that sustain them. There are many tools available to help manage fish stocks in ways that respect ecosystems — things like improving fishing gear, protecting stocks during spawning, setting aside protected areas or taking a precautionary approach to exploitation.

"I find it very encouraging that actually there are many examples of positive progress, from the U.S.A. to Indonesia and from Iceland to Vietnam, where fishing communities are adopting the approaches needed to rebuild fish stocks. Where this happens, stocks recover and communities reap the benefits. The urgent questions, it seems to me, are how can these examples of best practice be spread and how quickly can this be done?"
HRH PRINCE CHARLES

The second characteristic is the creation of well-designed rules for intelligent fishing that are enforced robustly. This includes proper monitoring and appropriate penalties to deter illegal fishing.

And finally, there is sound economics. Good management of fish stocks is rewarded with secure and decent livelihoods for those who do the fishing. There are several ways this can be achieved. One would be improving labelling to encourage consumers to demand more sustainable seafood; another is the establishment of appropriate long-term rights which give fishermen a stake in the future of their fishing grounds. It seems to me that it would also make a tremendous difference if official subsidies really focused on supporting socially and environmentally positive activities. All too often, better ways of doing things are inadvertently penalized by how subsidy systems work.

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One powerful way to do this is through a process I have employed for many years in other sectors — what might be called "seeing is believing." This, simply put, involves inspiring people to change their behavior through showing them what is already being done through successful examples of best practice. My hope is that my I.S.U. can play a small role in this.

Genuine multi-stakeholder partnerships must urgently be pursued to introduce best practice sustainable fisheries management to all corners of the world. Everyone can play their part, including consumers.

They can become more aware of the choices they make and ensure the fish on their plates is sustainably sourced. When you consider that the alternative is the continued decline of the world's fish stocks, I fear that we really have no other choice.

His agenda

Making decisions 'future proof'

The Prince's Accounting for Sustainability Project is part of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales's International Sustainability Unit, developed to "ensure that we are not battling to meet 21st century challenges with, at best, 20th-century decision-making and reporting systems. The project's work focuses on ways to integrate measures of environmental health, social well-being and economic performance to provide a 'future-proofed' framework for decision-making, to build the capacity needed to take action." It has organized a panel about the topic at Rio+20.

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▶ Prince Charles boards a Norwegian research ship to meet with representatives of the Institute of Ocean Research.

RIO+20 PREVIEW: OUR

The UN's sustainability conference around the corner ◗ We talk to the Blue Marine Foundation and other experts how to save our seas ◗ Top headlines

From June 20 to June 22, leaders, officials and advocates from both the private and public sector are meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the United Nations' Conference on Sustainable Development, otherwise known as Rio+20. Topics up for discussion include how to solve global problems like poverty, social inequality and the destruction of the environment.

Easy-peasy, right?

Hardly. But those in attendance say the gathering will make a difference — especially for marine advocates, the focus of this Metro Special Issue.

"Rio can go a long way to help our oceans," says Charles Clover, chairman of the Blue Marine Foundation. His organization, which helped put together this package, was created in 2010 and aims to "create marine reserves and private sector solutions in the sea which enable fisheries to be restructured to promote sustainable fishing."

Says Clover: "This is a vital task because the reserves give fish and other wildlife a haven safe from the destruction and pillage wreaked on them almost everywhere else in the oceans by the world's fishing fleets and by problems including climate change and pollution.

"What we really want and need from Rio," he continues, "is a ratified system of governance for the high seas which would replace the present lack of fishing regulations."

Another group with an agenda for positive change is the International Ocean Institute, based in Malta. The nonprofit group is one of the co-facilitators in the NGO ocean cluster, which hopes to convince governments at Rio to adopt policies to protect our big blue wonders.

"Perhaps Rio can be the wake up call to the unconscionable attitude humans have toward the ocean and that our very survival depends on bridging the governance deficit in managing our ocean," says Dr. Awni Behnam, president of IOI.

Pollution is his main concern. According to Behnam, more than 46,000 pieces of plastic are floating in every square mile of ocean. The concentration is especially high in the North Pacific Gyre in an area known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Ocean currents push all the trash into this area, even if the pollution was deposited from other parts of the world. It's also why scientists see garbage in the most remote parts of the Arctic, more than 1,000 kilometers away from major populations.

"The human trash problem is not just a cleanliness issue per se, but a really insidious problem," Steve Gittings, science coordinator for the National Marine Sanctuary Program tells us. "They don't break down."

Worse, it's not exactly visible, points out Dr. Simon Boxall of the National Oceanography Centre. "This isn't some big pile of bags and bottles which we can go and scoop up — it's microscopic dust particles as the bigger items break down mechanically," he says.

The key is getting governments on board to help change laws to make regulation easier.

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Watch

'End of the Line'

The Blue Marine Foundation produced a documentary about overfishing, "The End of the Line," which was a hit at Sundance. For a link to a free, 25-minute download to the film, check out our Metro website at: **Metro.us/endoftheline**

▶ A father and daughter survey the BP oil spill.

How we create toxic algae, killing animals

Watch where you throw out that six-pack of soda! Up to 1 million seabirds and 100,000 mammals die each year from trash-related problems, says the IOI. Bags routinely choke turtles and seagulls and can act as magnets for other types of contaminants.

The bad stuff travels far, as well. Steve Gittings of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says his group sees more problems from trash among wildlife in offshore areas than from the coastal pollution problem, as contaminants from urban businesses, factories and agriculture flow into the ocean through our waterways.

Another issue: Hypoxia eutrophication — which has been attributed to the increase of agricultural chemicals, industrial byproducts and waste from population growth in our oceans — depletes oxygen and increases harmful algae. MWN

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Our desire for oil has us tearing up the sea bottom

Levin, of the Scripps Center, points out that our need for more fossil fuels is driving more companies to drill for oil in areas like off the coast of Africa and the Arctic. In the Gulf of Mexico, there are 4,000 oil rigs in waters of 3,000 meters in depth or more. Hydrothermal vents will soon be mined for precious minerals. Besides the noise pollution that affects animals that depend on vocalization to communicate, drilling brings in other contaminants - not to mention the extra boat traffic — and creates too much change for the habitat.

"Deep sea oil and gas and energy extraction already has the potential for major accidents," Levin says. "Now, mining companies are set to mine precious metals in the deep ocean. They target countries with limited regulations when it comes to the deep sea. As a biologist, I'm not happy to have the bottom torn up." MWN

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Analysis

Who killed all the fish?

In the 19th century, visitors to European coastal resorts were often greeted with the sight of huge skates hanging from wooden stakes along the shore, some the size of dining tables. The meat of these fish was considered too tough and rank to be eaten fresh, but a few days in the open air softened them up nicely.

Although their name is "common" skate, such giants are unfamiliar to modern shoppers because there are virtually none left. Even by the mid-19th century they had begun to decline as bottom trawlers dragged their nets across ever larger areas of seabed and hook-studded longlines stretched farther.

The common skate is but one of dozens of fish that have come and gone from markets in the past century, victims of their popularity and of our inability to restrain overfishing. Fisheries the world over made the revolutionary transition to engine power in about 1900, allowing boats to deploy bigger nets, fish deeper and farther offshore. Add fast-freezing to the package — an invention of the American entrepreneur Clarence Birdseye in the 1920s — and fishermen were freed to move into the haunts of exotic new species, one of many reasons why organizations like the Blue Marine Foundation, which works to establish marine reserves, are so important.

▶ Roberts

"In an oft-repeated pattern, big predators like bluefin decline quickly and are replaced by animals from lower down the food chain." ROBERTS

Elsewhere, the ongoing collapse of the iconic bluefin tuna — the world's most expensive fish — could see them disappear from the table within a few years. Anticipating this loss, the Japanese Mitsubishi Corporation has reportedly been stockpiling frozen bluefin.

Some kinds of seafood have boomed, busted and made a comeback as fish farms have spread. But unless overfishing is brought under control, we will see further losses of common seafood species, and many scientists predict a future in which we must eat jellyfish or plankton for want of anything else.

By the numbers

17x
Fishing vessels have to put in 17 times more effort today than in 1889 to catch the same quantity of fish in U.K. waters.

79.7M
79.7 million tons of fish were caught at sea in 2009. When farmed and inland fish are taken into account, more than 145 million tons were produced, of which 117.8 million tons were eaten by people.

15.7%
On average, every person in the world ate 17.2 kilograms of fish in 2009, or 15.7 percent of the global intake of animal protein.

28%
28 percent of the world's fisheries are overexploited, 3 percent are depleted and 1 percent are recovering. 50 percent are fully exploited, but only 3 percent are underexploited — while 12 percent are moderately exploited.

SOURCE: BLUE MARINE FOUNDATION

The Rio+20 headlines

Among the heavy topics to be discussed at this year's conference:

Toxic oceans

The growing acidification and resource depletion of the world's seas will be addressed at a dedicated Oceans Day at the conference. Its themes will include greater responsibility for disasters such as BP's gulf oil spill.

The four trillion dollar question

The U.N. hopes to sign up 7,000 businesses to invest in a clean technology industry that will have an estimated value of $4 trillion. The major areas are energy and communication.

Slum rehab

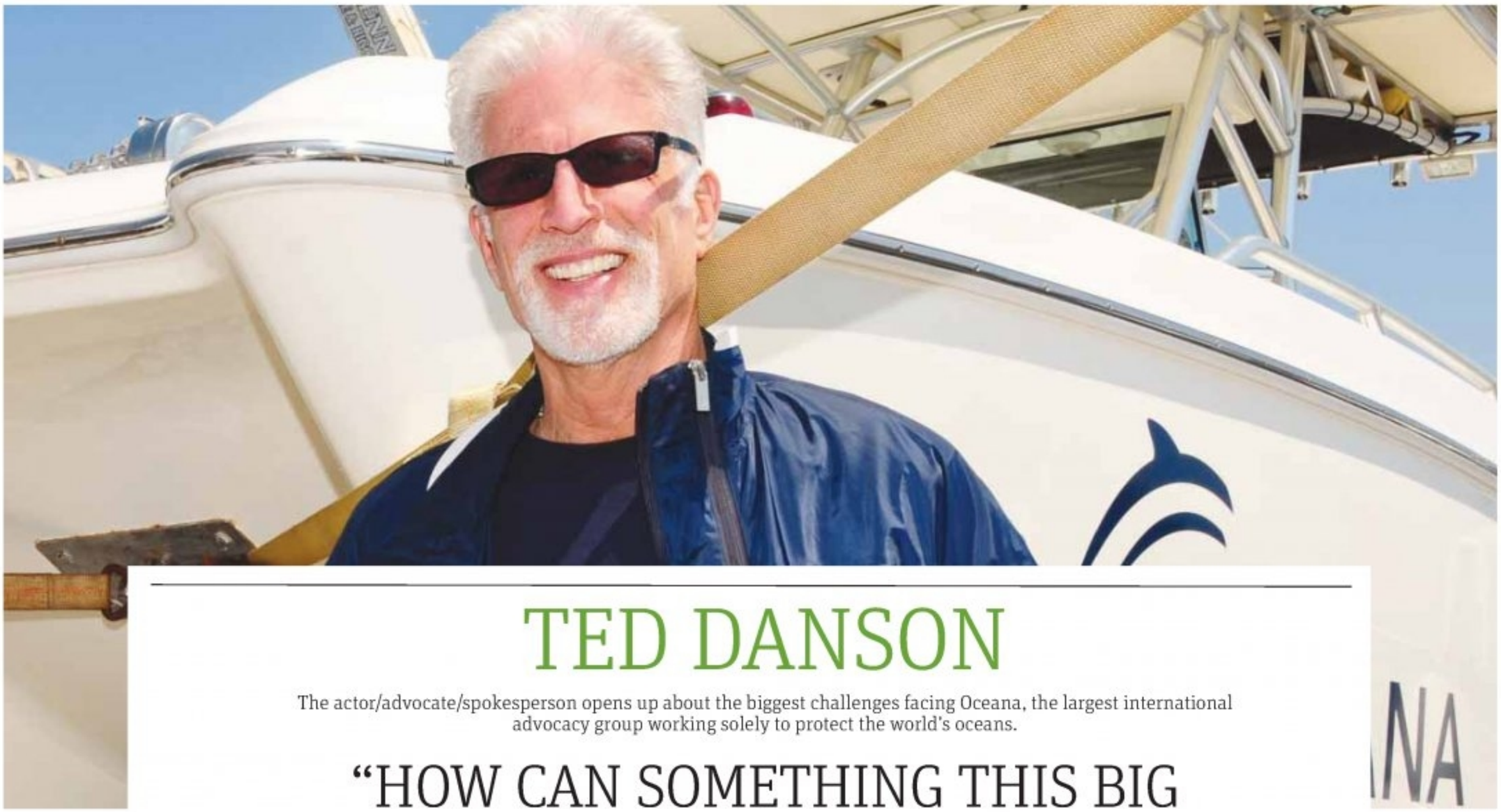
Host country Brazil has led the way on building economic hubs in impoverished communities, establishing construction and waste management groups in its favela towns.

BRIC party

David Cameron and Barack Obama won't be there, and this conference is driven by emerging powers such as Brazil, India and China. It's an opportunity for different directions and for new players to gain influence.

Collapse?

At press time, only 20 percent of the Rio+20 draft text agreement has been finalized, amid reports of deep divisions. This has led WWF Director Jim Leape to predict "two scenarios — a meaningless agreement or complete collapse."



TED DANSON

The actor/advocate/spokesperson opens up about the biggest challenges facing Oceana, the largest international advocacy group working solely to protect the world's oceans.

"HOW CAN SOMETHING THIS BIG POSSIBLY BE IN DANGER?"

The biggest challenges: "The biggest challenge is twofold. It's first convincing the skeptics out there that the oceans are indeed in trouble, and then that we have the ability to bring them back to health through practical ways that benefit the environment and the billion hungry people around the world. They see the enormity of the ocean, its incredible vastness, and think: 'How can something this big possibly be in danger? How could we ever fish it out?' But the reality is that global marine fish catch is declining and has been since the 1980s. Ninety percent of the big fish are gone. These are the facts. What's even more troubling is that we're looking at 9 billion people on Earth by 2050, and we need to figure out how to feed them. What Oceana wants people to realize is that the oceans can play a big role in fixing this problem if we start better managing them in the places that matter most. We can put in place policies in the 25 countries that bring in 75 percent of the world's global marine fish catch that allow fish stocks to recover and the oceans to heal and let us feed 700 million people a day in a responsible, sustainable way. It's not only possible, but it's practical. It's a challenge to get this message across, but it's really a beautiful sentiment. Our oceans have an enormous potential to help humanity, so we must protect them."

How you can help: "Get involved. People underestimate their ability to help make change. When it comes to the oceans, you can make a huge difference by logging on to Oceana.org and becoming an e-activist. Or contact your congressmen and let them know the ocean issues that matter most to you. Whatever people choose to do, it must be done with a light heart because this is tough work. There's a lot left to accomplish, but it's important to remember that the problems facing our oceans can be fixed. It's not too late to save the oceans and feed the world."

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Other celebrities who love the sea

... and what they're doing to help save it.

Prince Albert II of Monaco

His foundation champions the protection of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development on a global scale.

Adrian Grenier

He supports preservation of marine protection and raising awareness about the endangered bluefin tuna. He is an active supporter of Oceana (see above).

Jack Johnson

An avid environmentalist and protector of ocean wildlife, he has, amongst other projects, supported the Australian Marine Conservation Society.

James Cameron

Diver and filmmaker Cameron formed Earthship Productions to make documentary films about ocean exploration and conservation. He's led eight ocean explorations.

Leonardo DiCaprio

The actor is an honorary board member of the Reef Check Foundation and funds environmental action via his own foundation.

THE WORD

Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

Deadmau5 puts Madonna on notice

We weren't the only ones who sensed a little desperation in **Madonna**'s current tour, which has featured more than one awkward striptease.

In the new issue of Rolling Stone, electronic music producer **Joel Zimmerman** (better known as **Deadmau5**, or that guy who wears a giant mouse head on stage) called out the popstar for her recent appearance at the Ultra Music Festival, where she asked, "How many people in this crowd have seen Molly?" — a clumsy reference to ecstasy, as is the title of her new album, "MDNA."

"You want to be 'hip' and 'cool' and 'funky grandma'? Fine. It's not my place to say you're irrelevant," says Zimmerman. "If you're gonna come into my world, at least do it with a little more dignity."

You heard the man, Madonna. And if you start name-checking wine spritzers on ice, expect to hear from us.

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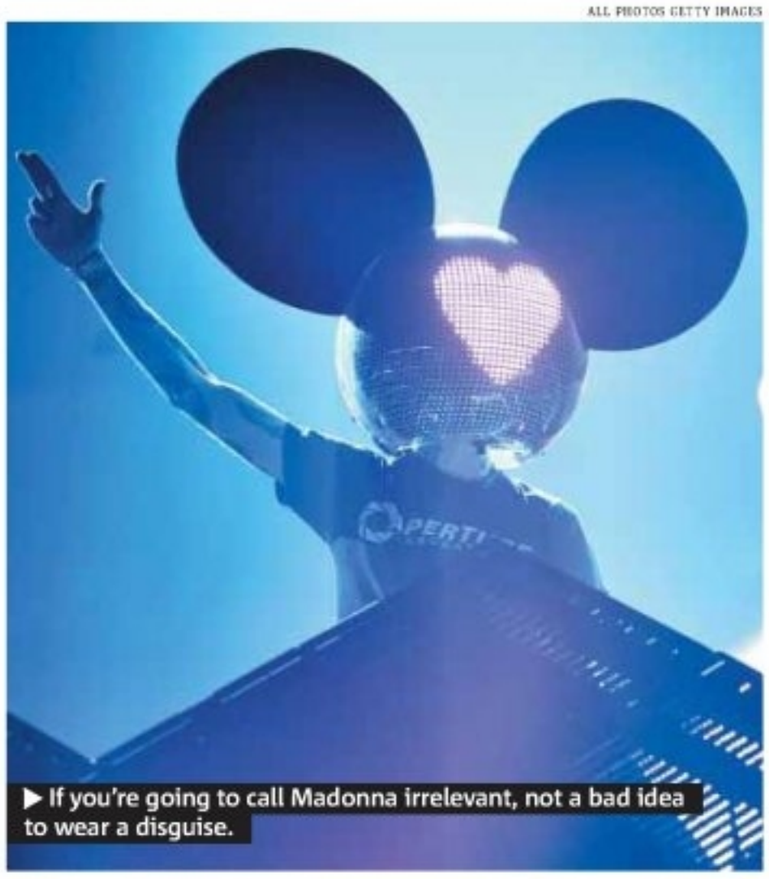


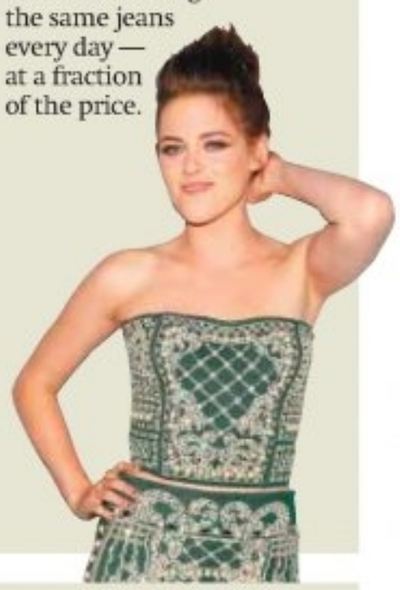
▶ If you're going to call Madonna irrelevant, not a bad idea to wear a disguise.

Baby, you're a rich vamp

We give **Kristen Stewart** a lot of trouble on this page, but apparently she's doing just fine in the real world.

The "Twilight" and "Snow White" star topped Forbes magazine's 2012 list of the highest-paid actresses, raking in an impressive $35 million last year. The 22-year-old is easily the youngest one on the list — **Kristen Wiig** is up next, 16 years later — and leads a top 5 that includes **Cameron Diaz**, **Sandra Bullock**, **Angelina Jolie** and **Charlize Theron**.

If Hollywood is listening, we're pros at looking miserable and wearing the same jeans every day — at a fraction of the price.



Spare us, Bristol

Now that she's out of the national spotlight and no longer in high school, **Bristol Palin** has decided to wait until she's married to have sex.

"Gino and I are going to wait until marriage," the 21-year-old mother tells the new issue of In Touch magazine about her boyfriend, **Gi-acinto "Gino" Paoletti**. "I'm doing what's best for me. It's between me and God."

No, Bristol — this is now between you, God and everyone who lost the checkout line lottery. And if there's one person more spiteful than God, it's the woman stuck reading about your non-sex life with a cart full of defrosting tater tots.

Talking point

Caught in a 'Mad' romance

It seems "Mad Men" stars **Alexis Bledel** and **Vincent Kartheiser** — whose characters are having an affair on the show — are together off the clock, as well.

"They have been dating for a few months," a source tells UsMagazine.com of the couple, who were spotted together on a flight to L.A.

Rory Gilmore and Pete Campbell: This might be one of the least hot TV hookups that could have happened. Now, Loralei and Don Draper? That, we would watch.

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Wolverine wedding cake: We do

1. Unlikely co-stars **Alec Baldwin** and **Ellen Page** both looked a little annoyed to be standing next to each other at the "To Rome With Love" press conference on Tuesday.

2. How you doin'? Former "Friends" co-stars **Lisa Kudrow** and **Matt LeBlanc** were at the Season 2 premiere of LeBlanc's Showtime series, "Episodes."

3. Emma Stone, tell us all about your "Spider-Man" premiere outfit. Slowly, please.

4. In a nod to gay "X-Men" characters Northstar and Kyle, couple Jason Welker and Scott Everhart tied the knot at New York's Midtown Comics yesterday.

5. If you were listening to **JWoww** on the Elvis Duran Morning Show yesterday, you missed the part about her face looking completely different these days.

6. At this point, we guess **Billy Corgan** is past getting some sun and lightening up. The Smashing Pumpkins frontman was onstage in New York Tuesday night.

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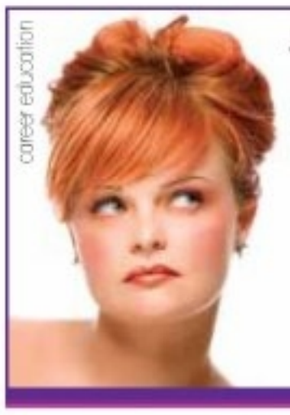

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TV watch list

'Take Me Out'

GAME SHOW. A more gimmicky version of traditional dating reality shows like "The Bachelor," comedian George Lopez hosts the show where first impressions are key. Based on an international series, 30 women compete for a date with several bachelors. **8 p.m., FOX**

'Justin Bieber: All Around the World'

DOCUMENTARY. No, this is not a repeat from yesterday's watch list. Biebs has two nights of prime time this week. Are you a Belieber? After watching behind-the-scenes footage of his tour, you just might become one. Or you might re-think what you're doing with yourself, watching this kid for two nights in a row. **8 p.m., NBC**

'Breaking Pointe'

DOCUMENTARY. Exhausting practices make tough, agile performers punish their bodies to perfection. No, we're not talking about football. In this series's fourth episode, "Tempo Tantrums," these ballet dancers deal with relationship drama, parties and, of course, the trials and tribulations of dancing.
8 p.m., The CW

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10 Reasons to hit the movies this week

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▶ President Lincoln examines his vampire-eliminator.

Must-see

1 'Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter' You thought you knew the history of America's 16th president — but never like this. From the New York Times best-selling author of "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies," this film brings every history student's nightmare to life. Watch as Abraham Lincoln fights to protect his country from blood-sucking demons.

2 'Brave' Mix the heroism of an arrow-shooting princess, the vibrancy of a 3-D computer-animated film and the creativity of Pixar, and what do you get? You get "Brave" — a movie featuring the studio's first female protagonist. Traditionally, a group of men must compete in an archery contest for the attention of the princess; however, Princess Merida, with the accuracy of a hawk and the tenacity of a war hero, has other plans.

3 'Seeking a Friend for the End of the World' If an asteroid were hurdling towards the planet, what would your last earthly mission be? Steve Carell humorously explores all possibilities, from wild sexual exploits to daily Casual Fridays at work.

4 'Rock of Ages' Based on the play of the same name, director Adam Shankman ("Hairspray") once again brings Broadway to Hollywood. You need to see Tom Cruise play a mystical rock god.

5 'That's My Boy' Adam Sandler resumes his crude antics as Donny, a party animal man-child who fathered Todd (Andy Samberg) while a teenager. Donny abruptly re-enters his now-successful son's life in an attempt to secure money he owes to the IRS.

6 'Prometheus' Reviews might've been mixed, but Metro highly recommends this 3-D epic. Ridley Scott returns to the franchise he started with the 1979 classic film "Alien," but this film may or not be a prequel.

7 'Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted' The old gang finds themselves seeking cover in a traveling circus touring Europe.

8 'Snow White and the Huntsman' This year's second revival of the fairest of them all is much grittier than its glossy predecessor, "Mirror Mirror."

9 'Men in Black 3' Agents J (Will Smith) and K (Tommy Lee Jones) are back in business, keeping alien life forms under control on Earth.

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Rumors have been swirling over whom Zac Efron is dating. Earlier this year he was linked to "Mirror Mirror" star Lily Collins, but not much has been said about them lately. It is hard to know just how far their connection went, but whenever I hear about new relationships I often wonder about those first few moves each person makes and how much that affects their future as a couple. One of the big questions that usually comes up is: If you've just spent the night together, do you call?

If you are a man, know that if she does reach out she is not looking to put a ring on your finger, but simply to maintain the connection she felt because, since you were just intimate, she may be feeling a little vulnerable. Talking to you and making future plans can be reassuring for her. If she does call you, put it in that context instead of thinking she is just being clingy. Don't give up on someone at that point who you might ultimately be able to build a great relationship with. Along the same lines, if you can bring yourself to do it, give her a call. You can keep it casual, but at least you are letting her know you might be interested in seeing her again, and you will alleviate some of the uneasiness she might be feeling.

If you are a woman, and you have a strong urge to maintain the intimacy and call, do your best to resist. If you are coming from a place of fear — that he will never call — then he will probably sense that. Letting him initiate will eliminate the possibility that he will feel boxed in and think you are pushing him faster than he feels ready to go. If, on the other hand, you've had some back-and-forth contact, then a casual text or e-mail is probably fine.

— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** *is creator of* ***"Shrink Wrap"*** *– national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of* ***"Let's Talk Sex"*** *at* ***Healthylife.net.*** *Her book,* ***"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"*** *is available nationwide. Follow her on Twitter @DrJaneGreer.*

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▶ Did Zac Efron and Lily Collins face such a dilemma?

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▶ ***E.R. I still got a thing for you even though if you have an inferior C.P. on your hands. You'll always make me shiver. Love, C.P.***

▶ *Eileen, my gorgeous wife, happy 4th anniversary! These past 4 years with you have been amazing. Cheers to many more! I love you! ~ N.M.*

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Letters

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Parties aren't here for society's benefit

RE: "WHY DO WE PERSIST IN VOTING FOR THEM?": Mr. Crandall repeats a common misconception: that the point of government is to help a society prosper. No, governments are instituted to secure our inalienable rights (life, liberty, property, pursuit of happiness, privacy, et al.). This is one of the self-evident truths declared by Jefferson in our nation's founding document. Our prosperity is primarily our own concern, not our government's. Study hard, work hard, maybe get lucky, find your talents and develop them. If you still fail to find some minimum level of prosperity, the rest of society — government — will help you. **DAVID BRYCE, VIA E-MAIL**

Steve Crandall says we should get rid of political parties. Problem is, it can't be done. As long as there's a government run by human beings, some citizens and some office-holders will have closer interests and affinities than others; those groupings are parties. We can change the structure of the party system, though. Single-seat plurality elections guarantee a two-party system — except where the general election is rendered irrelevant in a one-party system. There are many alternatives, several of which lead to multiparty systems. Let's use one for the House of Representatives. **DAN WYLIE-SEARS, VIA E-MAIL**

Obama did not invent our problems

In response to all the bashing in letters to the Metro on President Obama, I guess you all forgot all these world issues existed before he became president? But all the issues are now his fault? I beg to differ. George W. Bush left this mess, so send your concerns to him and stop bashing the president of the United States. **ANTOINETTE M ROSS, VIA E-MAIL**

"Let's take care of our own first, then help others."

RE: "BUSH SET PRECEDENT; HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?": A few days ago, I wrote about President Obama and the immigration move he made; some understood what I meant and some didn't, so let's try it again. I only have two problems with Obama's state: First, you take care of home first. It's not the fault of the children who come here that they are here illegally, yet it doesn't make sense to tell illegal immigrants that they can stay and find a job when legal immigrants and citizens who were born here can't easily. Let's take care of our own first, then help others. My second point is his timing; he could have done this two or three years ago; if it is the right thing to do then do it in the beginning. It doesn't make sense to wait till things get tense or tight in an election to start talking good if you didn't do it early on. I think Obama wants to do right, but I'm not sure about the motives, the timing, the process of going around Congress or the priority of how this is being done. I think he means well, but maybe this wasn't thought out right — or maybe it's deliberate and political. It's one or the other. **JOHN HEMPHILL, VIA E-MAIL**

The president of the United States should be tried for treason. **JIM ALVIN, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Your judgment about what is best for you will be superior to that of your companions. Don't let anybody talk you into doing something that you don't want to do.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** A problem you've had on your mind recently can be worked out in solitude, where you'll have plenty of space to think. The answer you're searching for will become clear as a bell.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Conversing with friends could be an educational experience. By helping them sort things out, you'll solve problems that have beleaguered your own life.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Once you focus your mind on something important, you're not likely to be swayed off-course by peripheral issues. If you can visualize it, you'll be able to understand and achieve it.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Allow your mental endeavors to take precedence over physical activities. Your mind is likely to be much stronger and more powerful than your back.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** One of your better assets is the ability to ferret out information that's pertinent to your immediate plans. Having all the facts sorted out enhances your chances for success.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Strive to be as fair as possible when negotiating a critical issue or agreement. Once you're satisfied that you're doing your part, further negotiation shouldn't be necessary.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If you believe you've been a bit undisciplined about basic health matters, take control of yourself now. Start by eating and drinking healthily.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Although you don't always believe in yourself, try to be adroit in managing persons who are either younger than you or less experienced. Be firm but friendly when doing so.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Because you'll be more detail-conscious than usual, now is the time to do that delicate work you've been avoiding, or to put the finishing touches on a project left half-finished.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Make some explanations to persons whose support you need on a position that you've taken. You should be quite effective, and what you say will go over well.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** There are very strong indications that you will be able to get considerable mileage out of the contents of your wallet. Tomorrow this particular asset might be absent.

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1 See-through fabric
5 Trainer
10 Wine-press residue
14 __ Khan
15 Competitive dance
16 Thermometer type
17 Sierra Club founder
18 Biscotto flavor
19 Audition tape
20 Kerouac and Ginsberg
22 B-vitamin source
23 Finishes a skirt
24 Bon __, monsieur!
26 O'Donnell of TV
29 Yeti, for one
33 Force
34 Spoof (hyph.)
35 Sweet murmur
36 "I kid you not" comic
37 Filmdom's Sal __
38 Children's counting-rhyme start
39 Annapolis grad
40 Jerks
41 Be of benefit
42 Rain clouds
44 Tango or waltz
45 Kinds
46 Harvest
48 Piece of cake
51 Spaghetti extra
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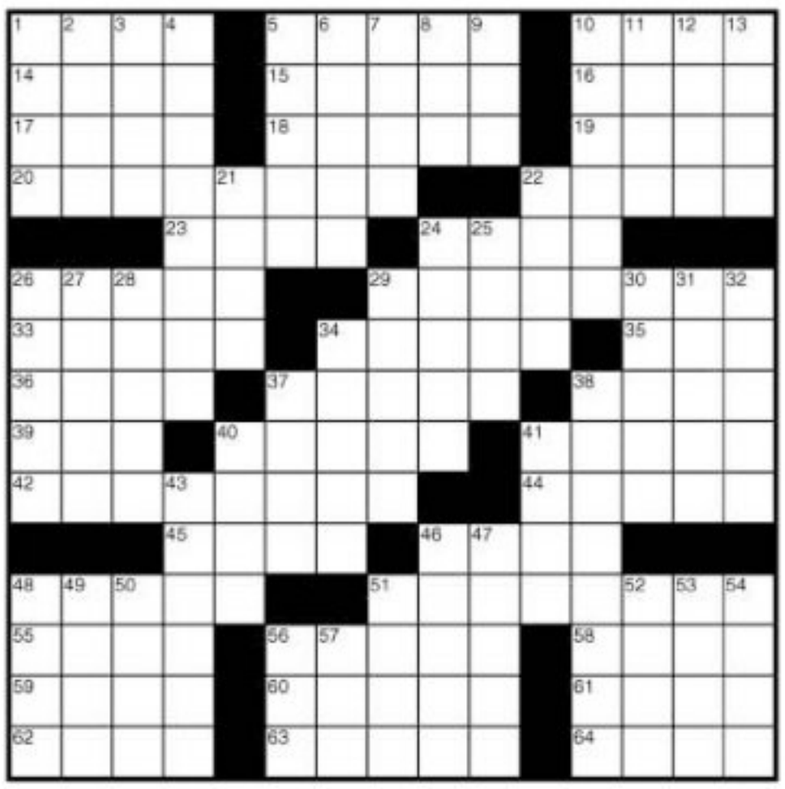

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2 Chills and fever
3 "Wool" on clay sheep
4 More crude
5 State as fact
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7 Jacques' pals
8 Big rigs' radios
9 Weed
10 Up-to-date
11 Fringe __
12 Crashes into
13 Coagulate
21 Tibet explorer Alexandra David-__
22 Shanghai coin
24 Angles, Saxons, and __
25 Melville opus
26 Reach maturity
27 Saudi neighbor
28 Charley horse
29 Attractive guys
30 Cruise setting
31 Type of column
32 Sherlock creator
34 Cone bearers
37 Raccoon face
38 Madonna role (2 wds.)
40 Winter festival
41 "Madam, I'm __"
43 Arm or thigh muscle
46 Poe's night visitor
47 Rust away
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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Phils trying to have some fun again out there

Team still in playoff hunt despite struggles Look to make up ground on homestand Remember 2007?

Shane Victorino admitted it has been a frustrating season, but the Phillies are staying focused and positive.

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Through all the frustration and maddening losses, the Phillies entered last night only eight games behind the first-place Washington Nationals.

For a club with nine players on the DL, including Roy Halladay, Chase Utley and Ryan Howard, things could be much worse. Oh, things aren't exactly rosy but the Phils push ahead hoping their injured All-Stars can give them a boost down the stretch.

The Phillies realize they can't make up eight games in one night or in a three-game series. It's going to come over time. Even with all the problems, hope remains on the horizon. In Monday's victory, Shane Victorino noticed a buzz in the clubhouse.

"What I've said from day one is that we've got to have fun," Victorino said. "When you're winning, it's always fun. When you're losing, it's not fun. We have to get out there, have fun, take it one game at a time and let it all play out."

Since the Cardinals eliminated the Phillies in five games in last year's NLDS, it has been a downhill curve. Altering that curve back into contention won't be easy.

"Sometimes, it gets frustrating," Victorino said. "If you think you're frustrated, I'm 10 times more frustrated. I know that we will come back and battle every day. We will remain focused and we will remain positive."

Remember 2007? The Phillies came back from seven games back with 17 remaining for the first of five consecutive division titles. So anything is possible, especially with a veteran team.

"We have to forget about what's happened in the past," Victorino said. "We have to forget about the standings and just go out there and have fun."

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Earlier this offseason safeties coach Michael Zordich said he was mildly surprised the Eagles didn't sign a veteran safety. Of course, he quickly gave the incumbent starters a rousing vote of confidence.

Well, the Eagles appear to be protecting themselves. The team inked O.J. Atogwe to a one-year deal yesterday, but the 30-year-old won't enter training camp as a starter. Those jobs still belong to Kurt Coleman and Nate Allen. However, Atogwe could push second-year man Jaiquawn Jarrett for a roster spot.

"O.J. will bring us veteran-quality depth at the safety position," said GM Howie Roseman. "We feel good about the young safeties we have on our roster, but our goal is to have the most competition possible at all of our positions as we head into training camp. O.J.'s presence will help to enhance that for the safety group."

Atogwe has recorded 520 tackles, 25 interceptions and 19 forced fumbles in seven NFL seasons, including a stint with the Washington Redskins in 2011.

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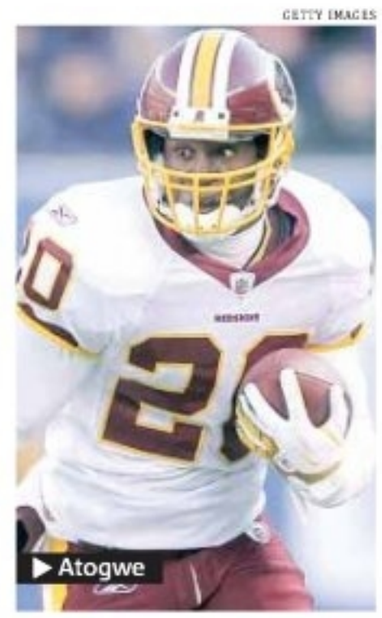
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